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Art Unit 1764

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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

a.  Previously submittedi.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_b.  Enclosedi.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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i.  RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)iii.  Other any deficiency in feesb.  Check in the amount of \$ 770.00 enclosedc.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

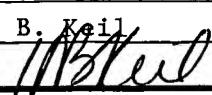
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**AMENDMENT WITH RCE**

Sir:

In response to the office action of October 29, 2003, further to the Notice of Appeal filed May 1, 2004, and with the presently filed RCE application, kindly enter and consider the following amendment and remarks.